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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – WESTERN DIVISION**

CHARMAINE CHUA, TORIE  
 RIVERA, LYDIA HICKS, and KYLE  
 TODD, individually and on behalf of a  
 class of similarly situated persons, and  
 the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD,

PLAINTIFFS,

vs.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a  
 municipal entity, CHIEF CHARLIE  
 BECK, COMMANDER ANDREW  
 SMITH, CAPT. JEFF BERT, and  
 DOES 1-10 inclusive,

DEFENDANTS.

Case No.: 16-cv-00237-JAK-GJS

**COMPLAINT: CLASS ACTION  
 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND  
 DAMAGES**

**42 U.S.C. § 1983: FIRST, FOURTH  
 AND FOURTEENTH  
 AMENDMENT**

**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION:  
 ARTICLE I, § 1, 2, 3, 7**

**CALIF. CIVIL CODE §52.1**

**FALSE ARREST/FALSE  
 IMPRISONMENT**

**CALIF. CIVIL CODE § 1798.14**

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1. This action arises out of the unlawful detention and arrest of approximately 170 individuals engaged in demonstrations at or near the intersection of Beverly and Alvarado Streets on November 24, 2014, and 6th and Hope Streets on November 26, 2014. The police herded Plaintiffs as they marched, finally surrounding them and preventing them from moving forward on the sidewalk. By kettling the demonstrators, detaining, interrogating and searching them, and arresting those at 6th and Hope without first issuing a lawful order to disperse, Defendants violated Plaintiffs' rights under the U.S. and California constitution, as well as their statutory and common law rights.

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the Plaintiffs' claims pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question), 28 U.S.C. § 1343 (civil rights jurisdiction), and 28 U.S.C. § 1367 (supplemental jurisdiction). This Court has jurisdiction to issue declaratory or injunctive relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 and 2202 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 57.

3. Venue is proper in the Central District of California pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391, as all Defendants and events giving rise to the claims herein occurred in the Central District of California.

## PARTIES

4. Plaintiff Charmaine Chua was peaceably and lawfully protesting in downtown Los Angeles on November 26, 2014 in response to the decision of the grand jury not to indict police officer Darren Wilson for the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Ms. Chua, without notice or warning, was surrounded by police officers and kettled on the sidewalk at 6th and Hope streets. Immediately after she was kettled on the sidewalk, Ms. Chua approached an officer and asked if she was being detained and asked to leave. The officer told Ms. Chua that she was not permitted to leave. Ms. Chua was arrested and held for almost an

1 entire day. No criminal charges were filed against Ms. Chua. She sues as an  
2 individual and on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals.

3 5. Plaintiff Lydia Hicks is a resident of Los Angeles. On November 26,  
4 2014, she was engaged in lawful and peaceful protesting when she was kettled by  
5 the LAPD at 6th and Hope, when, without notice or warning, she was detained and  
6 arrested. No criminal charges were filed against her. She sues as an individual and  
7 on behalf of a class of similarly situated individuals.

8 6. Plaintiff Torie John Rivera is a resident of Los Angeles County and  
9 works in downtown Los Angeles. On November 26, 2014, Mr. Rivera was peaceably  
10 and lawfully participating in a protest in downtown Los Angeles in response to a  
11 grand jury decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson for the shooting death  
12 of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Mr. Rivera, without notice or warning,  
13 was surrounded by police officers and kettled on the sidewalk at 6th and Hope streets.  
14 Mr. Rivera was arrested and held for almost an entire day. No criminal charges were  
15 filed against Ms. Rivera. He sues as an individual and on behalf of a class of similarly  
16 situated individuals.

17 7. Plaintiff Kyle Todd is an attorney and a member of the National  
18 Lawyers Guild. He is a resident of Los Angeles. He acted as a legal observer during  
19 a protest on November 28, 2014, when he was kettled by LAPD officers, without  
20 notice or warning, while with a group of protestors on a public sidewalk at Beverly  
21 and Alvarado. The entire assembly was detained for more than an hour, without a  
22 prior dispersal order and an opportunity to leave. Todd, like the others with him,  
23 had his personal property searched, even though Todd expressly did not consent to  
24 the search. On threat of arrest, he was required to provide personal identifying  
25 information to the LAPD before he was finally cleared and given an individual  
26 dispersal order. He sues as an individual and on behalf of similarly situated  
27 individuals.

1           8.       Plaintiff National Lawyers Guild, Los Angeles Chapter (“NLG-LA”),  
 2 is the local chapter of the nation’s first racially integrated voluntary bar association,  
 3 formed in 1937 with a mandate to advocate for fundamental principles of human and  
 4 civil rights, including the protection of rights guaranteed by the United States  
 5 Constitution. Since then, the Guild has been at the forefront of efforts to develop  
 6 and ensure respect for the rule of law and basic legal principles. The NLG-LA works  
 7 to ensure legal and practical access to demonstrations in Southern California by  
 8 regularly providing legal observers at demonstrations to observe and document  
 9 potentially unlawful or unjustified interference with demonstrators’ rights from law  
 10 enforcement. The NLG-LA also works to ensure the right to protest by helping to  
 11 secure legal representation for demonstrators facing criminal charges arising out of  
 12 demonstration activity and affirmative civil cases against local governments and law  
 13 enforcement agencies for unlawful interference with demonstrators’ rights. It  
 14 expends money conducting work to protect the right to lawfully demonstrate without  
 15 police interference in Los Angeles. The NLG-LA has also served as an  
 16 organizational Plaintiff in cases challenging interference with demonstrators’ rights,  
 17 including an action arising from the disruption of lawful assemblies and use of  
 18 unlawful force during the Democratic National Convention (“DNC”) in Los Angeles  
 19 in 2000 and a subsequent demonstration on October 22, 2000. The settlement in that  
 20 action provided for important changes in the policy and practices of the LAPD as  
 21 applied to demonstrations.

22           9.       In addition, the NLG-LA has long advocated against unlawful  
 23 surveillance of persons engaged in protected First Amendment activity, including  
 24 the compilation of databases of participants in public protest. The NLG-LA suffered  
 25 injury when the Defendants kettled the demonstrators, issued an unlawful and  
 26 inadequate dispersal order, arrested them, denied them released on their own  
 27 recognizance, and collected personal identifiers on individuals engaged in lawful  
 28 First Amendment activity. On information and belief, the NLG-LA alleges that the

1 LAPD used both individual officers and electronic equipment to collect personal  
2 information on those engaged in the protests in November 2014, including the use  
3 of a Stingray and similar electronic equipment to sweep up any cell phone numbers  
4 used at the time and in the vicinity of the protests. Defendants' actions interfered  
5 with the NLG-LA's right to assembly and speech. The NLG-LA plans to assist, plan,  
6 participate in, hold similar events in the future, on its own or in conjunction with  
7 others, and is fearful that the police actions of November, 2014, including the  
8 unlawful collection of information on those participating in First Amendment  
9 activity in public places, will be repeated absent injunctive relief to prohibit the  
10 practices, policies, and customs of the LAPD that resulted in the unlawful action  
11 against peaceful demonstrators on November 26, 2014 in downtown Los Angeles.

12 10. The Plaintiff class consists of approximately 170 individuals who were  
13 unlawfully kettled by the LAPD in November 2014 in the protests against a number  
14 of recent widely publicized police killings of civilians, the most recent spark being  
15 the grand jury decision in Ferguson, Missouri. The class consists of two subclasses:  
16 all those at Beverly and Alvarado on November 28, 2014, who were kettled, detained,  
17 interrogated and forced to give up personal information; and all those detained and  
18 arrested at 6th and Hope on November 26, 2014, then denied OR release, but who,  
19 ultimately, were not prosecuted or who had the charges against them favorably  
20 resolved. The Beverly and Alvarado subclass consists of approximately 40 persons;  
21 the 6th and Hope subclass consists of approximately 160 persons.

22 11. Defendant City of Los Angeles is a municipal corporation duly  
23 organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State of California.  
24 The Los Angeles Police Department ("LAPD") is a local government entity and an  
25 agency of Defendant City of Los Angeles, and all actions of the LAPD are the legal  
26 responsibility of the City of Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles is sued in its own  
27 right on the basis of its policies, customs, and practices which gave rise to Plaintiffs'  
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1 federal rights claims, and on the basis of respondent superior, under California  
2 Government Code § 815.2, for Plaintiffs' state law claims.

3 12. Defendant Chief Charlie Beck, is and was, at all times relevant to this  
4 action, the LAPD police chief and a policymaker for his department. He is sued in  
5 both his individual and official capacities.

6 13. Defendant Commander Andrew Smith, was the field commander  
7 directing the operations. He is sued in both his individual and official capacities in  
8 that he was delegated the policy making authority by Defendant Chief Beck for these  
9 incidents.

10 14. Defendant Captain Jeff Bert was the field commander at the 6th and  
11 Hope incident. He is sued in both his individual and official capacities in that he  
12 was delegated the policy making authority by Defendant Chief Beck for this incident.

13 15. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereupon allege that Does 1  
14 through 10 were the agents, servants, and employees of Defendants City of Los  
15 Angeles and/or the LAPD. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names and capacities of  
16 Defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and therefore sue these  
17 Defendant by such fictitious names. Plaintiffs will amend this Complaint to allege  
18 their true names and capacities when ascertained. The individual Doe Defendants  
19 are sued in both their individual and official capacities.

20 16. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereupon allege that at all times  
21 relevant hereto Does 1 through 10, in addition to the named Defendants, are  
22 responsible in some manner for the damages and injuries alleged herein.

23 17. Plaintiffs are informed, believe, and thereupon allege that at all times  
24 relevant hereto Defendants, and each of them, were the agents, servants and  
25 employees of the other Defendants and were acting at all times within the scope of  
26 their agency and employment and with the knowledge and consent of their principal  
27 and employer. At all times Defendants were acting under color of state law.







1 police shooting protests despite mass arrests”” LOS ANGELES TIMES, July 29, 2015:  
2 <http://www.latimes.com/local/crime/la-me-lapd-mass-arrests-20150716-story.html>.  
3 However, as reported by the Los Angeles Times, Captain Bert concedes that the  
4 dispersal order was inadequate. Plaintiffs never heard a dispersal order, if one was  
5 given. After approximately ten to fifteen minutes of kettling the protesters on 7th  
6 Street, LAPD officers then opened the police line on Flower and 7th Streets to allow  
7 the protesters to proceed north on Flower. Based on this action, Plaintiffs believed  
8 that they were free to continue to protest since they were released by the LAPD with  
9 no instruction to disperse. The LAPD continued to block Flower to the South and  
10 7th to the east and west. With northbound on Flower as the only option, the protesters  
11 proceeded in that direction.

12 25. When the demonstrators attempted to head west on Wilshire Boulevard,  
13 the LAPD blocked the intersection of Wilshire and Figueroa. The demonstrators  
14 continued north on Lebanon Street, an alley-like street that runs north-south from  
15 7th to 6th Streets between Figueroa and Flower Streets. When Lebanon Street came  
16 to a dead end at 6th Street, the protesters turned west on 6th Street.

17 26. LAPD formed another line at the intersection of 6th and Figueroa  
18 Streets, blocking Figueroa Street on the south side of the intersection and 6th Street  
19 on the west side of the intersection. LAPD officers in full “tactical” or “riot” gear  
20 were seen running north up Figueroa toward the police line and protesters. Having  
21 come from the east and without access to the south or west, the protesters turned  
22 north up Figueroa.

23 27. One block up, at 5th and Figueroa, the LAPD formed lines at the  
24 intersection blocking 5th Street to the west and Figueroa to the north. LAPD officers,  
25 including the officers in full “tactical” or “riot” gear, continued up Figueroa from  
26 the south. The only direction open to the protesters was east on 5th Street. The  
27 protesters went east.

1           28. At 5th and Flower Streets, LAPD officers instructed demonstrators to  
2 continue east on 5th Street. But when the demonstrators began to head east on 5th  
3 Street, they saw a separate group of LAPD officers in full “tactical” or “riot” gear  
4 jogging toward them from the east on 5th Street.

5           29. Without other options, the protesters proceeded through the walkways  
6 of the Central Library, the only avenue of dispersal open to them by the LAPD, who  
7 knew that this route would lead to the marchers being kettled in the cul-de-sac at 6<sup>th</sup>  
8 and Hope. LAPD officers closed in around the bushes on the north and west sides  
9 of the Library. The protesters proceeded through the walkways around the Central  
10 Library to the south side of the building where Hope Street dead-ends at Library  
11 building, just north of 6th Street.

12           30. LAPD officers then kettled the demonstrators on Hope Street between  
13 6th Street and the Central Library. Throughout all of this time, since the failed  
14 attempt to give a dispersal order some distance away, no further attempt was made  
15 to give a dispersal order of any type. Chua and other Plaintiffs requested but were  
16 denied permission to leave. After approximately fifteen minutes after they were  
17 trapped on Hope Street, without any instruction or information, the LAPD  
18 announced that all of the Plaintiffs were under arrest.

19           31. Officers arrested approximately 130 individuals at this location. Each  
20 was arrested on charges of misdemeanor Failure to Disperse pursuant to Penal Code  
21 § 409.

22           32. Among those who were indiscriminately kettled and arrested were  
23 individuals who were not participating in the demonstration but were simply  
24 bystanders waiting for the bus on the northeast corner of the intersection of 6th and  
25 Hope Streets, or walking by, or otherwise present in the area at the time the LAPD  
26 kettled the area. The statute applied to Plaintiffs, Penal Code § 409, has long been  
27 interpreted to require that law enforcement distinguish between participants who  
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1 engaged in a clear and present danger of imminent violence and innocent bystanders.  
2 This cardinal rule was not applied in this instance.

3 33. Officers separated Plaintiffs into groups of six and each group was  
4 processed on-site by two LAPD officers. The officers photographed Plaintiffs,  
5 collected and recorded their names, searched them, handcuffed them using zip-ties,  
6 and loaded them onto buses.

7 34. Plaintiffs were then transported to the LAPD's Metropolitan Detention  
8 Center (MDC) or the Van Nuys jail. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that,  
9 prior to their release, many of those arrested at 6th and Hope were first transported  
10 to the 77th Station jail in South Los Angeles.

11 35. The majority of Plaintiffs were incarcerated for approximately 14 hours,  
12 despite the fact that they were entitled to release on their own recognizance (OR)  
13 immediately upon completion of booking pursuant to California Penal Code § 853.6.

14 36. LAPD Lieutenant Andy Neiman was quoted in the media as saying all  
15 demonstrators who were unable to post bail would be held until they were able to  
16 appear in court early the following week. Commander Andy Smith was reported to  
17 have told news media that, while LAPD would typically release individuals with  
18 similar charges OR, "In this case, because these people are part of a protest that is  
19 continuing, they will not be released on their own recognizance." After holding  
20 Plaintiffs for an extended period of time, they were finally released OR only because  
21 Chief Beck decided to let them go at that time.

22 37. Penal Code § 853.6 imposes a mandatory requirement to release  
23 misdemeanor violators on their own recognizance either before or immediately after  
24 booking unless individualized probable cause exists to believe that one or more  
25 exceptions to the statute exists as a basis to deny OR release. By statute, keeping  
26 individuals in custody beyond booking requires law enforcement to prepare a  
27 specific form and note the applicable exception to mandatory release. There was no  
28 reasonable basis to believe that each and every one of the Plaintiffs came within any

1 of these enumerated exceptions, but no individual assessment was made and no  
 2 forms were completed at the time of Plaintiffs' booking noting the reason for not  
 3 releasing them immediately. The entire Plaintiff class was denied the individualized  
 4 assessment of criminal liability that is the hallmark of due process and each had their  
 5 liberty unlawfully restricted as a result of a deliberate decision by Defendant City to  
 6 ignore the explicit command of Penal Code § 853.6.

7 38. This action was in keeping with the City's unlawful policy, beginning  
 8 on or around November 17, 2011, of denying OR release to individuals arrested for  
 9 engaging in civil disobedience. According to LAPD Deputy Chief Perez, who first  
 10 announced this policy during the Occupy protests in Los Angeles in 2011, the  
 11 decision was made to deny OR release to those engaged in First Amendment activity  
 12 to "teach people a lesson." Subsequently, small groups of individuals involved in  
 13 acts of civil disobedience at the Bank of America headquarters on November 17,  
 14 2011, were arrested on non-violent misdemeanor offenses arising from protest  
 15 activity and denied OR release. Again, on November 30, 2011, the City denied OR  
 16 release to the nearly 300 people arrested in connection with the mass arrests at City  
 17 Hall made in connection with the Occupy L.A. demonstration.

18 39. Such a basis for a blanket decision to deny Plaintiffs' liberty and detain  
 19 them without justification for prolonged times violates the First, Fourth, and  
 20 Fourteenth Amendment rights of Plaintiffs and the class members, and was done  
 21 with the specific and deliberate intent to interfere with the exercise of Plaintiffs'  
 22 rights to assembly and due process.

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 24 **THE DETENTION AT BEVERLY AND ALVARADO:**

25 40. At approximately 3:00 p.m. on November 28, 2014, Plaintiffs gathered  
 26 at Grand Park across from Los Angeles City Hall. Peaceful protestors, legal  
 27 observers, pedestrians, and members of the media spoke out against the Ferguson  
 28 grand jury's decision not to indict Darren Wilson for the murder of Mike Brown.

1           41. After an hour, Plaintiffs began to march peacefully west on Beverly  
2 Boulevard. They traveled approximately 2.5 miles, with LAPD officers monitoring  
3 the march, traveling alongside by foot, bicycle, motorcycle, patrol car, and,  
4 eventually, helicopter. At the start of the march, officers instructed Plaintiffs that  
5 they would be arrested if they marched in the street. Plaintiffs adhered to this  
6 instruction and marched on the sidewalks. After some time, however, the LAPD  
7 intentionally blocked the Beverly Boulevard sidewalk with officers and motorcycles,  
8 forming a line across the sidewalk and the bike lane. The demonstrators were ordered  
9 by the LAPD to continue the protest by marching in the street. Plaintiffs proceeded  
10 with some hesitation to obey this new contradictory command. Not long after,  
11 officers approached Plaintiffs again and threatened to arrest anyone marching in the  
12 street. Plaintiffs quickly returned to the sidewalk, only to be faced with another  
13 LAPD motorcycle blockade just ahead of them. Once again, the officers directed  
14 Plaintiffs to walk in the street. At least one protestor responded that he would not  
15 walk in the street, because he feared he would be arrested.

16           42. Notwithstanding the LAPD's disruptive activities, the march was  
17 peaceful, with no violence or threat of violence by the protestors. The only threats  
18 to traffic or safety were created by the LAPD when they ordered Plaintiffs to march  
19 in the street because the LAPD was blocking the sidewalks with officers and  
20 motorcycles. At approximately 5:15 p.m., Plaintiffs turned north onto Alvarado  
21 Street. Plaintiffs did not get much farther; LAPD officers lined the road ahead,  
22 waiting to kettle and detain Plaintiffs. Approximately 100 riot-gear clad LAPD  
23 officers advanced on Plaintiffs. LAPD officers on foot, bicycles, motorcycles, in  
24 patrol cars, and helicopters, quickly surrounded approximately forty Plaintiffs even  
25 though at this point, the march had not been declared an "unlawful assembly" and  
26 no order to disperse was given.

27           43. More than an hour after Plaintiffs were kettled, the LAPD finally read  
28 a "dispersal order" in English and Spanish. Many of those present did not hear or

1 understand the announcement. The Order stated that the march had been declared  
2 an unlawful assembly and that Plaintiffs would not be released until after being  
3 questioned individually. It did not inform the protestors of the possibility to leave,  
4 or afford them an opportunity to do so within a set time and by an announced route  
5 prior to subjecting them to a compelled interrogation as a condition of release.

6 44. The pretext for the LAPD's actions was the purported interference with  
7 traffic caused by the march. Several LAPD officials represented to the media that  
8 the march constituted an unlawful assembly because "demonstrators ran into traffic  
9 and blocked motorists" after being "warned repeatedly" to "stay off the street" and  
10 "remain on the sidewalk." Contrary to these assertions, video footage of the march  
11 shows the LAPD blocking the sidewalk with motorcycles and ordering the  
12 demonstrators to walk in the street. Any "interference" with traffic was caused and  
13 created by the LAPD itself, who made the sidewalks impassable for Plaintiffs.

14 45. Although the protestors were not going to be arrested and presented no  
15 threat to the officers, the LAPD detained the Plaintiffs, handcuffed them with zip-  
16 ties, and compelled them to provide private identifying information, including social  
17 security numbers, birthplace, employment, telephone numbers, and home addresses  
18 before being released. At least one person was asked to identify any non-visible  
19 tattoos although he did not have any tattoos visible to the officer. The officers patted  
20 down the demonstrators' clothing and searched their personal belongings, including  
21 backpacks and wallets, without consent or proper cause. LAPD officers ran warrants  
22 and warrants on each Plaintiff. After all of this, an officer read a dispersal order to  
23 one individual at a time. Another officer stood nearby, video recording the faces of  
24 each individual as the other officer read the dispersal letter.

25 46. On information and belief, the LAPD collected Plaintiffs' personal  
26 information for the purpose of maintaining a database of protestors and for the  
27 dissemination of this information to other law enforcement and government agencies.  
28 The LAPD has a long history of engaging in unlawful surveillance and information

1 collecting on those engaged in lawful expressive activity, a practice declared  
 2 unconstitutional by both the California Supreme Court and Court of Appeal in two  
 3 separate cases. The LAPD also has a history of allowing its confidential information  
 4 to be shared with private advocacy and ideological groups.

5 47. For both incidents alleged above, the LAPD mobilized vans and SUVs  
 6 equipped with a variety of surveillance equipment, including cameras, “stingray”  
 7 devices, the “Freedom-on-the-move” system and drones. This equipment was used  
 8 to conduct warrantless collection of private communications contained on the cell  
 9 phones of the Plaintiffs, including telephone numbers of associates and family of  
 10 Plaintiffs. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that the personal information  
 11 collected by these means, as well as as the information from the compelled  
 12 detentions and interrogations, has been shared with other law enforcement agencies,  
 13 including but not limited to federal agencies such as FUSION centers. The  
 14 collection of this information in various criminal investigative databases maintained  
 15 by law enforcement has labeled Plaintiffs’ lawful First Amendment activity as  
 16 “Suspicious Activity” within the scope of the SAR (“Suspicious Activity Report”)  
 17 program and has caused Plaintiffs’ friends, family members and associates to be  
 18 entered into a government database used to collect information on potential  
 19 “suspicious” activity without their knowledge.

#### 20 21 **MONELL ALLEGATIONS**

22 48. The City, through Chief Charlie Beck and the LAPD, has failed to train  
 23 its officers in the constitutional responses to peaceful demonstrations as revealed by  
 24 the above allegations. The City is well aware of its constitutional duties in light of  
 25 the settlement agreements discussed below in *National Lawyers Guild v. City of Los*  
 26 *Angeles* and *MIWON v. City of Los Angeles*, as well as other agreements entered into  
 27 on these issues over the years. The need for training and discipline to enforce  
 28 constitutional guarantees in such circumstances is obvious. The City has known of



1 the deficiencies in its training since at least 2000 and entered into settlement  
 2 agreements in June 2005 and June 2009, each time agreeing to revised policies and  
 3 training, yet the City has failed to promulgate adequate policies effectuating the  
 4 terms of the settlement agreement and/or to train its command staff and officers on  
 5 the revised policies, if any exist.

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 7 **THE SETTLEMENT IN NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD V. CITY OF LOS ANGELES:**

8 49. In June, 2005, the City of Los Angeles entered into a settlement  
 9 agreement in *National Lawyers Guild, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, CV 01-  
 10 6877 FMC (CWx), an action arising from the disruption of lawful assemblies and  
 11 use of unlawful force during the Democratic National Convention (“DNC”) in Los  
 12 Angeles in 2000 and a subsequent demonstration on October 22, 2000. The  
 13 settlement provided for important changes in the policy and practices of the LAPD  
 14 as applied to demonstrations. At least three of those provisions were violated by the  
 15 LAPD’s actions at Beverly and Alvarado as alleged above.

16 50. Under the terms of the settlement in *National Lawyers Guild,*  
 17 demonstrators, while participating in lawful assemblages, are not to be prevented  
 18 from using public sidewalks to march.

19 51. The terms of the settlement also expressly provided that LAPD officers  
 20 are not to use their motorcycles as a form of crowd control against peaceful  
 21 demonstrators.

22 52. Finally, the settlement provided that, prior to declaring an unlawful  
 23 assembly, the LAPD Incident Commander should evaluate the feasibility of isolating  
 24 and arresting those responsible for any unlawful conduct, and if feasible, take action  
 25 only against those individuals.

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 27 **THE SETTLEMENT IN MULTI-ETHNIC WORKER ORGANIZING NETWORK V. CITY**  
 28 **OF LOS ANGELES:**

53. On May 1, 2007, the LAPD assaulted a peaceful, permitted immigration march in MacArthur Park. The attack on the demonstrators was without warning. No dispersal order was given until more than three minutes into the police action and, even then, the dispersal order was grossly inadequate, given from helicopters in English to a largely Spanish-speaking assembly. During the course of litigating the *MIWON* action, the LAPD conceded that it had not fully implemented training and policy orders regarding the *NLG* settlement two years earlier. In fact, no policy changes were ever finalized.

54. On June 24, 2009, the federal district court approved and entered a Structural Relief Order as part of the settlement of a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of all those subjected to the LAPD's May Day action. Through this settlement, the LAPD agreed that it would not obstruct the use of sidewalks by protestors and, significantly, that, where practicable, the LAPD would consider facilitating demonstrations that may temporarily block traffic. This latter provision is consistent with established law in the Ninth Circuit, recognizing the need for local agencies to accommodate "spontaneous" protests in the streets, particularly in response to allegations of police misconduct.

55. The *MIWON* order also set out requirements to declare an unlawful assembly: an amplified loudspeaker system with an officer at the far side of the crowd to record the officer; if there is no serious violence occurring, the order shall be made repeatedly over a period of time, including an "objectively reasonable" period of time to disperse and identification of "a clear and safe route" to follow to disperse. The order should be given so that it is heard by the entire crowd. These requirements were not met in this instance.

56. The terms of the *MIWON* structural relief agreement were to be included in the LAPD's Crowd Control and Use of Force Manuals and every officer at the rank of Sergeant I and above, as well as the entire Metropolitan Division, were to undergo training every two years. Chief Beck, as well as those members of his

1 command staff officers to whom he has delegated his responsibility to enact and  
 2 implement lawful policies on the declaration of an unlawful assembly and the use of  
 3 motorcycles as a crowd control tool, are aware of the unlawful policies, practices,  
 4 and customs of the City and the LAPD which resulted in the settlement in *National*  
 5 *Lawyers Guild v. City of Los Angeles* in June, 2005. Moreover, Chief Beck and his  
 6 delegated command staff are aware that the use of unlawful dispersal orders to break  
 7 up lawful protests, in particular, is a custom so ingrained in the marrow of the LAPD  
 8 that it was critical to take all steps necessary to ensure that official policy was  
 9 implemented in a manner sufficient to address the deeply rooted custom to violate  
 10 First Amendment rights in the specific ways identified in the *National Lawyers*  
 11 *Guild* settlement agreement. The failure to take such steps directly lead to the injuries  
 12 suffered by the Plaintiffs. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that this did  
 13 not occur.

14 57. Chief Beck, as well as those members of his command staff officers to  
 15 whom he has delegated his responsibility to enact and implement lawful policies on  
 16 the declaration of an unlawful assembly, are aware of the unlawful policies, practices,  
 17 and customs of the City and the LAPD which resulted in the settlements in *NLG* and  
 18 *MIWON*. Moreover, Chief Beck and his delegated command staff are aware that the  
 19 use of unlawful dispersal orders to break up lawful protests is a custom so ingrained  
 20 in the marrow of the LAPD that it was critical to take all steps necessary to ensure  
 21 that official policy was implemented in a manner sufficient to address the deeply  
 22 rooted custom to violate First Amendment rights in the specific ways identified in  
 23 the settlement agreements. The failure to take such steps directly lead to the injuries  
 24 suffered by the Plaintiffs. This failure amounted to an “acquiescence in the  
 25 constitutional deprivations of which [the] complaint is made” and deliberate  
 26 indifference to the rights of persons with whom the police come into contact, and  
 27 constituted a conscious choice by the City not to properly train its law enforcement  
 28 personnel on these issues.

59. On information and belief, Chief Beck delegated final responsibility and authority to persons within his command staff to act as the final policy maker in declaring the assembly unlawful at the November 26 and 28, 2014 marches. The persons who made these decisions, including Defendant Commander Andrew Smith, acted as the delegated policy maker for the City of Los Angeles on these issues. There was no time, opportunity, or procedure for anyone to review or revise the decisions made by these delegated policy makers prior to their final implementation.

60. Plaintiffs timely filed class claims with the Defendant City pursuant to Cal. Gov't Code § 910 et seq. Defendant City of Los Angeles denied the claims.

61. The named Plaintiffs bring this action individually and on behalf of a proposed class of all other persons similarly situated pursuant to FRCivP Rule 23(b)(1), (b)(2) and (b)(3). The damages class is defined as persons who were present at either 6th and Hope on November 26, 2014, or Beverly and Alvarado on November 28, 2014, and who were kettled, detained, and/or arrested, then denied OR release by the LAPD, all in association with the protest against the grand jury decision in Ferguson, Missouri in the killing of Michael Brown.

1 association with a protest against the grand jury decision in Ferguson, Missouri in  
 2 the killing of Michael Brown and who either were not prosecuted or had their  
 3 criminal charges resolved favorably. This sub-class is represented by Plaintiffs Chua,  
 4 Hicks and Rivera. The second damages sub-class (“Beverly and Alvarado sub-  
 5 class”) is defined as those persons who were present on November 28, 2014, near or  
 6 at the intersection of Alvarado and Beverly Boulevard and who were detained,  
 7 handcuffed, interrogated and/or searched in association with a protest against the  
 8 grand jury decision in Ferguson, Missouri in the killing of Michael Brown. This  
 9 sub-class is represented by Plaintiff Todd. Each class is inclusive of people present  
 10 in order to peacefully protest and those otherwise present in the vicinity as  
 11 bystanders. The first sub-class consists of approximately 130 individuals; the second  
 12 sub-class consists of approximately 40 individuals.

13 63. The injunctive relief class is defined as all persons who have in the past,  
 14 or may in the future, participate in, or be present at, demonstrations within the City  
 15 of Los Angeles in the exercise of their rights of free speech and petition. Without  
 16 intervention by this Court, those class members are at risk of having their rights  
 17 violated in the future due to the City's past and threatened future actions. The  
 18 injunctive relief Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law to protect the future  
 19 lawful exercise of their constitutional rights, and, without action by this court, will  
 20 suffer irreparable injury, thereby entitling them to injunctive and declaratory relief.  
 21 The injunctive relief class is represented by the National Lawyers Guild, as well as  
 22 the individual class representatives.

23 64. Because the issues in the damages sub-classes are the same (except for  
 24 the addition of the arrest and denial of OR release for the 6th and Hope Sub-Class),  
 25 the Rule 23 criteria for the classes and sub-classes are discussed jointly without  
 26 differentiating between the different classes.

27 65. Questions of law or fact common to putative class members  
 28 predominate over any questions affecting only individual members and a class action

1 is superior to other available methods for fairly and efficiently adjudicating this  
2 lawsuit. Alternatively, Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable to the  
3 class, thereby making class-wide declaratory and injunctive relief appropriate.

4 66. The claims of the putative class satisfy the requirements of Federal Rule  
5 of Civil Procedure 23(b)(3) and, alternatively, Rule 23(b)(2).

6 67. The putative class consists of approximately 170 individuals – 130  
7 individuals in the 6th and Hope Sub-Class and 40 in the Beverly and Alvarado Sub-  
8 Class -- and is so numerous as to render joinder impractical.

9 68. Defendants detained and/or arrested the putative class and sub-classes  
10 as a group and treated all similarly, acting on ground applicable to the putative class.  
11 The named Plaintiffs' claims that the First, Fourth, and Fourteenth Amendment  
12 rights—and their analogous state Constitution, statutory, and common law rights—  
13 were violated raise common question of law and fact. the Defendants have acted,  
14 threaten to act, and will continue to act, on grounds generally applicable to the class,  
15 thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or declaratory relief with respect  
16 to the class as a whole.

17 69. Questions of law and fact are common to the class and sub-classes,  
18 including whether the putative class and sub-classes were detained and/or arrested  
19 without probable cause and based on unlawful or non-existent dispersal orders and  
20 whether the 6th and Hope sub-class members were denied the liberty interest in OR  
21 release as codified in California Penal Code § 853.6.

22 70. The legal theories and factual predicates upon which the damages  
23 classes and sub-classes seek relief predominate over any questions affecting only  
24 individual members. The legal harms suffered by the named Plaintiffs and the class  
25 Plaintiffs are identical.

26 71. The named Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the putative class  
27 and sub-class each represents, as each was engaged in or associated with peaceable  
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1 and lawful free speech and assembly activity when each was detained or arrested on  
2 November 26, 2014 and November 28, 2014.

3 72. The named Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the common  
4 class interest. The named Plaintiffs have a strong interest in achieving the relief  
5 requested in this Complaint, they have no conflicts with members of the Plaintiff  
6 class, and they will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the class.

7 73. The named Plaintiffs are represented by counsel who are well-  
8 experienced in civil rights and class action litigation and are familiar with the issues  
9 in this case. Attorneys Paul Hoffman, Barry Litt, and Carol Sobel have successfully  
10 litigated a number of class action cases on behalf of protesters in Los Angeles. Most  
11 recently, they were appointed by the court as class counsel in *Aichele, et al. v. City*  
12 *of Los Angeles, et al.*, No. 2:12-CV-10863-DMG (C.D. Cal. August 26, 2012),  
13 challenging, *inter alia*, the LAPD's denial of OR release to those arrested during the  
14 Occupy action at Los Angeles City Hall. They were also appointed as class counsel  
15 in *Multi-Ethnic Immigrant Worker Network v. City of Los Angeles*, 24 F.R.D. 631  
16 (C.D. Cal. 2007), challenging the LAPD's assault on a lawful immigrant-rights rally  
17 in MacArthur Park on May 1, 2007. That case resulted in a settle of \$12,850,000 --  
18 the largest amount ever paid nationally in a protest case in which there were no  
19 arrests of the Plaintiffs. In addition to class action protest litigation, attorneys  
20 Hoffman, Litt, and Sobel have served as class counsel in a number of other class  
21 actions redressing civil rights violations.

22 74. Counsel for the named Plaintiffs know of no conflicts among or  
23 between members of the class, the named Plaintiffs, or the attorneys in this action.

24 75. The Defendants have acted and refused to act on grounds generally  
25 applicable to the putative class. Injunctive and declaratory relief for the putative  
26 class as a whole is appropriate.



77. Plaintiffs do not know the identities of all of the class members. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the identities of class members may be obtained from the personal information compelled by Defendants at the November 28, 2014 incident at Beverly and Alvarado, and from the arrest records from the November 26, 2014 incident at 6th and Hope.

78. Defendants improperly declared the assemblies unlawful. All the Plaintiffs involved in the demonstrations at issue herein on November 26 and November 28, 2014, were peaceful. The few protestors who were walking in the street were forced to do so as a result of the LAPD's unlawful blockade of public sidewalks; this is no justification for declaring a peaceful assembly unlawful, nor does it justify Defendants' infringement on the First Amendment rights of the peaceful majority.

80. Assuming that a dispersal order could have been legally justified under all the facts and circumstances, the orders given were, nonetheless, deficient as they were not given until long after the officers kettled those participating in the marches, failed to allow the participants any opportunity to disperse, or were unheard or unintelligible by the vast majority of the demonstrators, some of whom were not even participating in the protest at the point where the police allege they gave an admittedly deficient dispersal order. Any such dispersal orders were not in

1 compliance with state law as well as prior agreements and court orders regarding the  
2 LAPD's use of such dispersal orders.

3 81. Plaintiffs are informed and believe and thereon allege that the LAPD  
4 officers acted in accordance with orders given by supervisors from the highest  
5 command positions, in accordance with policies and procedures instituted by the  
6 LAPD and the City of Los Angeles, including an order to collect personal identifiers  
7 on the demonstrators.

8 82. As a direct and proximate cause of the conduct described herein, the  
9 named individual Plaintiffs have been denied their constitutional statutory, and legal  
10 rights as stated herein, and have suffered general and special damages, including but  
11 not limited to, mental and emotional distress, physical injuries and bodily harm, pain,  
12 fear, humiliation, embarrassment, discomfort, and anxiety and other damages in an  
13 amount according to proof.

14 83. Defendants' acts were willful, wanton, malicious, and oppressive, and  
15 done with conscious or reckless disregard for, and deliberate indifference to,  
16 Plaintiffs' rights.

17 84. Defendants' police practices, customs, conduct and acts alleged herein  
18 resulted in, and will continue to result in, irreparable injury the Plaintiffs, including  
19 but not limited to violation of their constitutional and statutory rights. Plaintiffs have  
20 no plain, adequate, or complete remedy at law to address the wrong described herein.  
21 The Plaintiffs and class members intend in the future to exercise their constitutional  
22 rights of freedom of speech and association by engaging in expressive activities in  
23 the City of Los Angeles. Defendants' conduct described herein has created  
24 uncertainty among Plaintiffs with respect to their exercise now and in the future of  
25 these constitutional rights. Specifically, Plaintiffs are concerned that, if arrested,  
26 whether lawfully or unlawfully, they will again be denied the liberty interest codified  
27 at California Penal Code § 853.6 and will be detained until their arraignment unless  
28 and until they post a monetary bond. The Beverly and Alvarado sub-class is

1 concerned that Defendants have created a database with the information Plaintiffs  
 2 were forced to provide to the LAPD and that Plaintiffs will be treated more harshly  
 3 if an unlawful assembly order issues in the future when they engage in First  
 4 Amendment activities, even though their identification was compelled under threat  
 5 of arrest and they were released without arrest. Plaintiffs therefore seek injunctive  
 6 relief from this court to ensure that Plaintiffs and persons similarly situated will not  
 7 suffer violations of their rights from Defendants' illegal and unconstitutional policies,  
 8 customs, and practices described herein.

9 85. Plaintiffs also seek injunctive relief in the form of an order requiring  
 10 that Defendants seal and destroy and records derived from Plaintiffs' arrests,  
 11 including fingerprints, photographs, and other identification and descriptive  
 12 information, and all information, and biological samples and information obtained  
 13 from such biological samples collected from the Plaintiff class, and identify to the  
 14 Plaintiff class all entities and agencies to which such information has been  
 15 disseminated; and that all such disseminated records be collected and destroyed.

16 86. An actual controversy exists between Plaintiffs and Defendants in that  
 17 Plaintiffs contend that the policies, practices, and conduct of Defendants alleged  
 18 herein are unlawful and unconstitutional, whereas Plaintiffs are informed and  
 19 believe that Defendants contend that said policies, practices, and conduct are lawful  
 20 and constitution. Plaintiffs seek a declaration of rights with respect to this  
 21 controversy.

22 87. All of the following claims for relief are asserted against all Defendants  
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### 24 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

#### 25 **First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (42 U.S.C. § 1983); California** 26 **Constitution, Article I, §§ 2 & 3**

27 88. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding  
 28 and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

89. Defendants' above-described conduct violated Plaintiffs' rights to freedom of speech, assembly, and association under the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and the analogous provisions of the California Constitution.

## **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### **Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (42 U.S.C. § 1983); California Constitution, Article I, § 7**

90. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

91. Defendants' above-described conduct violated Plaintiffs' rights to be free from unreasonable seizures, excessive or arbitrary force, and arrest or detention without reasonable or probable cause under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Defendants detained, seized, handcuffed, searched their persons and their personnel property and, in the case of those at 6th and Hope, arrested Plaintiffs without legal authority when Defendants could not have reasonably believed that they had committed or were about to commit any crime or public offense. Plaintiffs were falsely arrested without probable cause for such arrests.

## **THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### **Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (42 U.S.C. § 1983); California Constitution, Article I, § 7**

92. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

93. Defendants' conduct deprived Plaintiffs of liberty without due process of law under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. Based on their perceived association with the protests against the grand jury's decision not to indict police officer Darren Wilson for the shooting death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri and their purported engagement in "civil disobedience,"

1 Plaintiffs were uniformly denied the mandatory “liberty” interested codified at  
 2 California Penal Code § 853.6 when they were denied individualized assessment,  
 3 denied release on their own recognizance and held in custody for approximately  
 4 fourteen hours.

#### 6 **FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 **Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (42 U.S.C. § 1983);**

8 **California Constitution, Article I, § 13**

9 94. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding  
 10 and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

11 95. Defendants’ above-described conduct violated Plaintiffs’ rights to  
 12 equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States  
 13 Constitution.

14 96. Defendants, in kettling Plaintiffs, refusing to allow Plaintiffs to disperse,  
 15 and arresting them without legal justification, intentionally and unlawfully  
 16 restrained and confined Plaintiffs and intentionally and unlawfully violated Plaintiffs’  
 17 personal liberty in violation of California law.

#### 19 **FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

20 **Violation of California Constitution, Article I, § 1 – Right of Privacy**

21 97. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding  
 22 and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

23 98. The Defendants, by their conduct, violated the right of privacy of the  
 24 Beverly & Alvarado sub-class members by compelling them to disclose personal  
 25 identifiers as a condition of being allowed to disperse from the area without arrest.  
 26 The collection of such information, including presumptively private Social Security  
 27 numbers and other personal information, was done based on Plaintiffs’ perceived  
 28 association with the demonstration against police killings of civilians.

1           99. On information and belief, Plaintiffs allege that their private identifiers  
 2 were compelled for the purpose of compiling a database of protestors and for the  
 3 dissemination of this information to other law enforcement and government agencies.  
 4 As a consequence of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs suffered irreparable injury to  
 5 their constitutional rights.

## 6 7                                   **SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### 8                                   **Violation of California Civil Code § 52.1**

9           100. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding  
 10 and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

11           101. The Defendants by their conduct interfered by threats, intimidation, or  
 12 coercion, or attempted to interfere by threats, intimidation, or coercion, with the  
 13 exercise or enjoyment of Plaintiffs' rights as secured by the First, Fourth, and  
 14 Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution or laws of the United  
 15 States, and of the rights secured by the Constitution or laws of the state of California,  
 16 including but not limited to California Article I, §§ 1, 2 & 7.

17           102. There was no lawful justification for Defendants to threaten, intimidate  
 18 or coerce any of the Plaintiffs or the putative class members or to attempt to use  
 19 threats, intimidation, or coercion to interfere with Plaintiffs' and the putative class  
 20 members' rights from being present at the lawful demonstration.

## 21 22                                   **SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### 23                                   **INFORMATION PRACTICES ACT – CIVIL CODE § 1798.14**

24           103. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding  
 25 and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

26           104. California Civil Code Section 1798.14, part of the Information  
 27 Practices Act of 1977, provides that public agencies "shall maintain in its records  
 28 only personal information which is relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose

1 of the agency required or authorized by the California Constitution or statute or  
2 mandated by the federal government.”

3 105. California Civil Code Section 1798.45(c) authorizes an individual to  
4 bring a civil action for any violation of the Information Practices Act of 1977 when  
5 the agency fails to comply with any provision of the law in “a way as to have an  
6 adverse effect on an individual.” Any agency that fails to comply with any provision  
7 of the Information Practices Act of 1977 may be enjoined by any court of competent  
8 jurisdiction.

9 106. The retention of Plaintiffs’ credit card information, phone numbers,  
10 social security numbers, places of birth, home address, and place of employment, is  
11 not information “relevant and necessary to accomplish a purpose of the agency  
12 required or authorized by the California Constitution or statute or mandated by the  
13 federal government.” The retention of such information will have an adverse effect  
14 on Plaintiffs. Moreover, the dissemination of this information to other law  
15 enforcement agencies and other groups will also have an adverse effect on Plaintiffs.

## 17 **EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

### 18 **FALSE ARREST/FALSE IMPRISONMENT**

19 107. Plaintiffs reallege and incorporate herein by reference the preceding  
20 and any subsequent paragraphs of this Complaint.

21 108. In kettling Plaintiffs, refusing to let them disperse, handcuffing and  
22 arresting them without probable cause, then denying them OR release, Defendants  
23 intentionally and unlawfully restrained and confined Plaintiffs and intentionally and  
24 unlawfully violated Plaintiffs’ personal liberty in contravention of California law.



## REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Wherefore, Plaintiffs seek judgment as follows:

1. An order certifying the class and each sub-class defined herein pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 23(b)(2) and (3);

2. A preliminary and permanent injunction restraining Defendants from engaging in the unlawful and unconstitutional actions detailed above;

3. A preliminary and permanent injunction requiring Defendants to expunge, seal and destroy all records derived from this arrest, including all fingerprints, photographs, identification, and descriptive information collected the Plaintiff class;

4. Entry of an order that disclosure be made in writing to Plaintiffs, the class they represent, and the Court as to all entities and agencies to which such material has been disseminated and by whom gathered; and that all records disseminated be collected, expunged and sealed, including all copies of such disseminated records that may have been subject to dissemination by others;

5. Entry of an order declaring the arrests of the 6th and Hope sub-class null and void;

6. A declaratory judgment that Defendants' conduct detailed herein was a violation of the rights under the Constitution and laws of the United States and California of Plaintiffs and the class members;

7. General and compensatory damages for Plaintiffs and the class they represent for the violations of their federal and state constitutional and statutory rights, pain and suffering, all to be determined according to proof;

8. An award of punitive and exemplary damages against the individual Defendants to be determined according to proof;

9. An award of statutory damages and penalties pursuant to Cal. Civil Code § 52(b) to be determined according to proof;

1           10.    An award of attorneys' fees pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 188 and Cal. Civil  
2 Code §§ 52(b) & 52.1(h) and Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 1021.5;

3           11.    Costs of suit;

4           12.    Pre- and post-judgment interest as permitted by law;

5           13.    Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.  
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7 Dated: April 27, 2016   Respectfully submitted,  
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17   DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

18           Plaintiffs hereby demand a jury trial in this action.

19 Dated: April 27, 2016                           Respectfully submitted,  
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